

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

The Stock "Boom" Dammed for an Hour.

## A STRONG MARKET AT THE CLOSE

Undiminished Activity of the Speculation in Securities.

WALL STREET.]  
MONDAY, NOV. 17—6 P.M.

For the most part of the day Stock Exchange prices were at sixes and sevens. Some remained steady, others fluctuated and a few declined. As a whole there was less "backbone" to the market than was apparent during the last week. There was no evidence of this at the opening, when stocks were strong and higher, but a considerable manipulation took place in the afternoon, when they were weak and lower. At the end, however, there was a decided stiffening up of the speculative verbiage, and the low prices of the morning were replaced by the decidedly higher ones of the afternoon. In a word, to-day's market fluttered between strength and weakness for most of the session, though "strength" got the better of the situation before the close. As a matter of fact, Erie "ruled the roost." When the price of the favorites went up other stocks went up with them; when it went down other stocks followed suit. The variations in Erie compassed a decrease from 45% to 46, and a recovery at the end to 48%. Of course among "holders" there was nobody hurt, but among the light brigade of slim marginers forced to "sell out" there was many a wounded dealer. Erie long stock was bountifully supplied to the market—sales of no less than 30,000 shares being accredited to a single operator, whose head is as clear to-day upon a stock operation as it was years ago upon the probate of a will, and to a score of outsiders who had no head at all beyond the mere instinct of following a leader. Nevertheless, upon the fluctuations of Erie the stock market pivoted, and prices went up or down as the favorite gave the cue. In a general way there were no startling changes in the general list, and from the entire absence of the rumors and reports there was nothing to distract its serenity. As exceptions, there are to be noted the Manhattan Railway Company, which opened at 69, fell to 62%, and rallied to 67%, and Sutro Tunnel, which opened at 5, rose to 64, and fell to 5% and finished at 6 bid. All other stocks were strong in the morning, weak at noonday and firm at the end, with closing prices decidedly higher than the lowest ones of the day. Advances from Philadelphia are to the effect that prices in that city were mainly influenced by reports from this one. Quotations were better or worse as they were wired to be better or worse in New York, and the market closed irregularly and with the appearance that for the moment the top notch of prices had been reached. At our Mining Board activity continues. There was quite a "boom" in Moose, the price rising from \$3 to \$3 90, though it fell back to \$3 70 at the end. Hukill was weak-kneed, selling down to \$4 05, and the California shares were strong at Saturday's quotations. The largest business of the day was transacted in the higher priced properties.

Total sales at the Board were 570,638 shares. Following is an epitome of the day's business:

Closing.—	High—Low—	Open—	Stocks
	100%	100%	100%
Albany & Susque.	22	22	22
Alton & Ter. H. pt.	1,000	46	43%
At. & Pacific Tel.	3,600	48%	47%
A.M. Dist. Tel.	100	47	45%
B. C. & N. R.	300	57	54%
B. C. & N. & North.	100	61	61%
Baltimore & Ohio.	500	69	69
Baltimore & Ohio & N.	100	50	49%
Canadian Southern.	77 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Caribon Mining.	50	45	45
Char. St. & M. & N.	200	22	21
Chi. C. & L.	1,100	83	83
Chic. & Ohio.	7,000	23	21 1/2
Ches. & Del. 1st pf.	3,300	37	35 1/2
Ches. & O. 2d pf.	500	25	25 1/2
C. I. & P.	23,300	24 1/2	24 1/2
Cit. Bur. & Quin.	—	—	12 1/2
Chicago & Alton.	—	—	11 1/2
Chic. & Alt. pf.	—	—	10 1/2
Clev. & Pittsburg.	—	—	105
Chi. St. & M. & N.	900	55	54
Chi. & N. W.	15,300	92 1/2	91 1/2
Chi. & N. W. pt.	300	105	104 1/2
Chi. Mil. & St. P.	11,400	71 1/2	80 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	600	101	101
Chi. R. & I.	100	14	14
Chi. & N. W. W.	60,800	92 1/2	90 1/2
Del. & Hudson.	10,900	88	87 1/2
Han. & St. J.	3,600	41	39 1/2
Han. & St. J. pf.	4,000	45	44
Mar. & C. 1st pf.	1,300	14	14 1/2
Mar. & C. 2d pf.	900	12	12 1/2
Michigan Central.	2,900	97	96 1/2
Mobile & Ohio.	1,500	25	24 1/2
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	23,900	35	33
Morris & Essex.	700	102	102
New Haven.	10,200	39 1/2	37 1/2
Pitt. & Reading.	9,100	75 1/2	74 1/2
Pu. Iman P. Co.	100	103	103
Quicksilver.	3,800	24	24 1/2
Quincy Mining.	1,000	66	65
Wash. & Lake E.	300	47	46 1/2
W. St. L. & P. pt.	2,700	72	71 1/2
Standard Mining.	1,700	31	29 1/2
Sutro Tunnel.	49,100	6	6 1/2
St. L. & S. R. pt.	4,000	52 1/2	50 1/2
St. L. & S. R. 1st pf.	1,200	75	75 1/2
St. L. Ir. & M. & S.	9,200	54 1/2	54 1/2
Missouri Pacific.	4,000	19 1/2	18
Union Pacific.	2,900	92	91 1/2
Wash. Union Tel.	8,000	107	107 1/2
American Ex.	350	64	64 1/2
United States Ex.	100	54 1/2	54 1/2
Dal. & Wash. R.	100	50	50
Chi. & N. W. R.	100	62	62
Chi. & N. W. R. pt.	100	62	62
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